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OUR FAMILY RECORD

Genealogical and Historical Record of
ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS

of

DANIEL ASBURY JOHNSON

and his wife

ABIGAIL (Holcroft) JOHNSON



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FOREWORD

TIME "Our most valuable product"

It had been our intention to make further research into the Records and Background of the Johnson-Holcroft families before writing this, but for fear time may run out before getting it done, we are assembling the records, clippings, etc., which we have.

WHY?

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This was begun as a hobby and a desire to pass on to our own progeny something about their own background. It has now been expanded to include all the descendants of Daniel A. and Abigail (Holcroft) Johnson.

It is inherent human nature to wish to know more of our ancestry and those of our relationship. It helps us to better understand our own lives and gives us a greater appreciation of our place in life.

"We are a part of all who have gone before and that will follow after." A great responsibility!

OTHERS THOUGHT SO

"He who does not remember his ancestry, does not deserve to be remembered by his posterity!"—Abraham Lincoln.

"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you are likely to see."—Winston Churchill.

"We live in the past by a knowledge of it's history, and in the future by hope and anticipation."—Daniel Webster.

SOURCE

This is an assemblage and condensation of Bible Records of Michael Johnson and Thomas Holcroft; Histories of Ohio and Indiana; Clippings, news stories, obituaries, and remembrances written by Daniel A. Johnson. Some remembrances of Anna Bell (Johnson) Hinkle.

ACCURACY

While it is possible some errors have been made, the records have been copied as found. Should further research disclose errors or additional information, you are authorized to make such changes. That is why we have loose leaf binders and erasers on pencils!

HOPE

That this may be the beginning of YOUR OWN Family Records. WE are EACH a LINK in the UNBROKEN chain of human existence from the time of the (mythical, traditional, proverbial, symbolic, factual or Biblical) Adam and Eve. (Pick your own adjective).

Write it down!

THANKS

To any and all that have assisted in any way with this record and compilation.

—Grover J. and Anna Bell (Johnson) Hinkle.

ANCESTORS

ORIGIN OF THE NAMES

Without going too deeply into the origin of surnames, the name **Johnson** came from a shortening of John's son. Originally each person went by one name as "Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John." Then, John, the Baptist, then John's son, then to distinguish which son, Dan, John's son, then to **Daniel Johnson**.

The name **Holcroft** came from the occupation or skill of a person. From: Holde, driver or tender of cattle and Craft (Kraft) an art or skill. Therefore one skilled in the handling of cattle, a Holdcraft (Like Witch-craft or Priest-craft). In our line shortened to **Holcroft**. Others still use Holdcroft, Holdcraft, Holcraft, etc.

GENEALOGY AND HISTORY

It is not the intention of this writing to be considered a History of Our Country, but since Genealogy and History are "kissin cousins" it will be necessary to give a little background of conditions at the time our records begin.

It might also be well to mention here that this is not supposed to be a masterpiece of literature—only the best a novice can do.

HISTORY

After the Revolutionary War of 1776, a Peace Treaty was signed in 1783 and the United States was formed. Their territory extended as far west as the Mississippi River. Very few settlements had been made beyond the Ohio River, then known as the "Ohio Country" or "The Northwest Territory". The Continental Congress, realizing the need for expansion westward and to settle differences in the claim to this territory, adopted "The Ordinance of 1787" covering this territory. These rules and regulations were designed to make the territory inviting for settlement by eastern and foreign immigrants.

GENEALOGY

No doubt further research could trace the family back to one of the noted Johnsons that were so prominent in the settlement and early history of our country. There are literally thousands of Johnson lines, therefore hard to trace, authentically.

All of the following have been authenticated through Histories or other sources previously mentioned.

ANCESTORS

Paternal Side — JOHNSON

JAMES (JIMMY) JOHNSON, Great-Great Grandfather of Danial A. Johnson.

In a letter to his daughter, Maggie (Johnson) Culton, Daniel A. Johnson says that "His great-great Grandfather was **Jimmie Johnson**, (Possibly James) and that he attained the age of 108 years."

Basing his birth date upon that of his children would be about 1725-30, and since he lived to be 108 years of age, his death date about 1835-40. (An important clue should someone wish to trace the family further back.)

This **JIMMY JOHNSON** was living in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. About 1787-88 he sold his possessions in Westmoreland County, crossed the Ohio River and "bought some improvements on what was then called Beach Bottom Flats, two and one-half miles from the river". This location is in what is now Monroe County, Ohio.

His children mentioned in Ohio History were: **WILLIAM**; Henry that married Patty Russell; John, married Miss Okey; Joel and Joseph.

The Indians still claimed possession of the land and were fighting and harassing the settlers. That we may better understand conditions at this time, the following story about **WILLIAM'S** brothers is given from Henry Howe's History of Ohio, first published in 1846, (Daniel A. Johnson says "This is authentic").

Heroic Adventure of the Johnson Boys

By Henry Johnson, and published in the Woodsfield, Ohio paper about 1835-40.
(Slightly condensed)

"When I was between eleven and twelve years old, I think it was in the fall of 1788, I was taken prisoner with my brother John, * * * On Saturday evening we were out with an older brother (William?) and came home late in the evening; one of us had lost a hat and John and I went back to look for it. We found the hat and were sitting down on a log cracking nuts, when we saw two men approaching us, which we thought to be neighbors. We paid little attention to them until they came quite near. One of them said, "How do, brother." My brother then asked them if they were Indians and they answered in the affirmative and said we must go with them. * * *

"One of the Indians walked about ten steps ahead and the other the same distance behind. After traveling some distance we halted in a deep hollow and sat down.

"They took out their knives and whet them, and talked some time in the Indian tongue which we did not understand. I told my brother I thought they were going to kill us, and I believe he thought so too, for he began to talk with them and that his father was cross and made him work hard. That he would rather be a hunter and live in the woods. This seemed to please them as they put up their knives and began to be more lively and pleasant to us.

"They asked my brother which way was home, and he told them the contrary way each time they asked. They thought we were lost and that we knew no better.

"They conducted us over Short Creek hills in search of some horses, but found none. Night came on and we halted in a low hollow about four miles from where they first took us. As night began to close in around us I became fretful; my brother encouraged me by whispering to me that we would kill the Indians that night.

"After they had selected the place of encampment, one of them scouted around the camp. The other one struck a fire with the flashing powder in the pan. After the Indian got the fire kindled he reprimed his gun and set it by a stump while he went for more wood. While he was thus employed my brother took the gun and cocked it and was about to shoot the Indian, but I was afraid the other Indian would return and overpower us. I begged him to wait till night and I would help him to kill them both. The Indian that had taken the scout came back about dark.

"We took our suppers, talked some time and went to bed on the naked ground. They put us between them that they might be better to guard us. After a while one of the Indians got up and stretched and lay down on the other side of the fire, and soon began to snore. When John saw that they were both asleep he whispered to me to get up as quietly as possible.

"John took the gun which the Indian struck fire with, cocked it and placed it toward the head of one Indian. he took a tomahawk and drew it over the head of the other Indian. I pulled the trigger and he struck at the same time. The blow fell too far back on his neck and only stunned him. He attempted to spring to his feet but after repeated blows he fell and lay quiet and still at our feet.

"After we were both satisfied they were dead, and fearing there were others close by we hurried off taking only the gun I had shot with us. We took our course toward the river and in about three-quarters of a mile we found a path that led to Carpenter's Fort.

"We got to the fort a little before day break. We related our adventure and a small party went back with my brother and found the Indian that had been tomahawked, the other had crawled away a short distance. A skeleton and a gun were found later near the place where we had encamped." (End of quote.)

A rather Gory Story to start off with, but since it was "in the family" it helps us to better understand some of the things encountered by our forebears.

Henry, that related the story, became the first Mayor of Woodfield and others of the family became prominent in the community.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, Grandfather of Daniel A. Johnson.

WILLIAM, older brother of the "Johnson Boys," was, no doubt born in Westmoreland County, Pa., and moved with the family to Ohio. Following the general trend of migration, William moved into what was later Harrison County, Ohio. Here he married Elizabeth Hoagland or Hoaglan. (Grandmother of Daniel A. Johnson.)

I did not find the date of his birth, but his brother John was born about 1775-76, and his brother Henry Feb. 4, 1777. William may have been older or younger, but would be around 1770-80.

They were the parents of a very large family. Daniel A. Johnson listed the following: (Possibly not in chronological order) Henry, James, Isaac, Eban, William (Methodist Minister), Mary Ann (Wycoff), Ruth, Nancy (LeMaster), Sally Jane, Rachel, Ezra, MICHAEL. In addition a half brother Jerry Hinton (Not explained.)

In some of Daniel A. Johnson's letters he lists the following as "cousins" descended from above: Etta Johnson (Maiden woman, daughter of William) (The only one that Anna and I have ever visited) Tarentum, Pa.; Mrs. Molly (John) (LeMaster) Myers, W. 7th St., Auburn, Ind.; Mrs. Margaret (Maggie) Wycoff? Gibson, Auburn, Ind.; Mrs. Ida (Wycoff) Miller, Butler, Ind.; Vera (Myers) Strome, Garrett, Ind.; Jim Myers, Auburn, Ind.; John LeMaster, La-Grange, Ind.; Oscar Bye, Findley, Ohio; Harry Rook, Findley, Ohio.

MICHAEL JOHNSON, Father of Daniel A. Johnson

MICHAEL MYERS JOHNSON (From Bible Record), was born July 12, 1814, in Washington Twp., Harrison County, Ohio. He married Eliza McCurdy, who was born April 4 1817, in Jefferson County, Ohio. (Next County east of Harrison).

They were married in Tuscarawas County, where they were both living at the time of their marriage. They were married Sept. 16, 1841, at the home of the bride, Daniel McCurdy, by Rev. Abr. (Araham) Lemaster, at 4 o'clock P. M., witnessed by J. N. Lemaster and wife and Henry Johnson and wife. (From Marriage Certificate.)

(Henry Johnson was his brother, and J. N. Lemaster his brother-in-law. Abr. Lemaster, no doubt J. N.'s father).

ELIZA (McCurdy) JOHNSON, mother of Daniel A. Johnson, was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth (Rogers) McCurdy.

Elizabeth Roger's mother was the second wife of Joseph Asbury, father of Daniel Asbury, a Revolutionary soldier and later a "Circuit Rider" and Missionary for the Methodist Missions among the Indians.

One son of Joseph and Elizabeth Asbury was Bishop Frances Asbury (Unmarried), a statue of whom stands in a park in Washington, D. C., with the inscription: "Greatest Itinerant Preacher of the Ages". According to Ripley's Believe It Or Not: "He delivered 16,500 sermons, consecrated 4,000 Preachers and covered 300,000 miles on horseback equal to 12 times around the earth. He never had either Home or Bed of His Own."

"Daniel Asbury, half brother of Joseph, was captured by the Indians when 14 years of age and lived with them eight years in Kentucky. After his escape he became a Missionary and Circuit Rider and established many Churches in North Carolina."

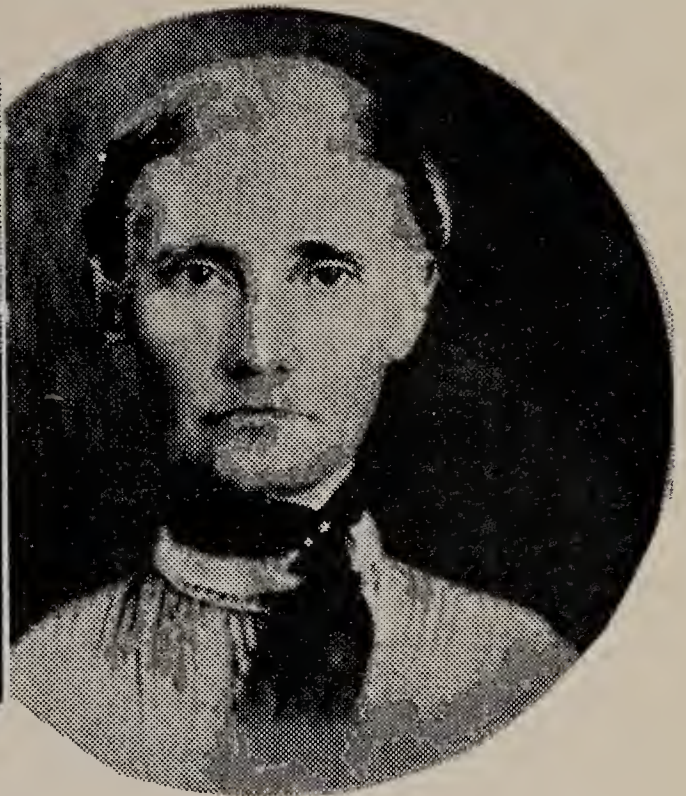
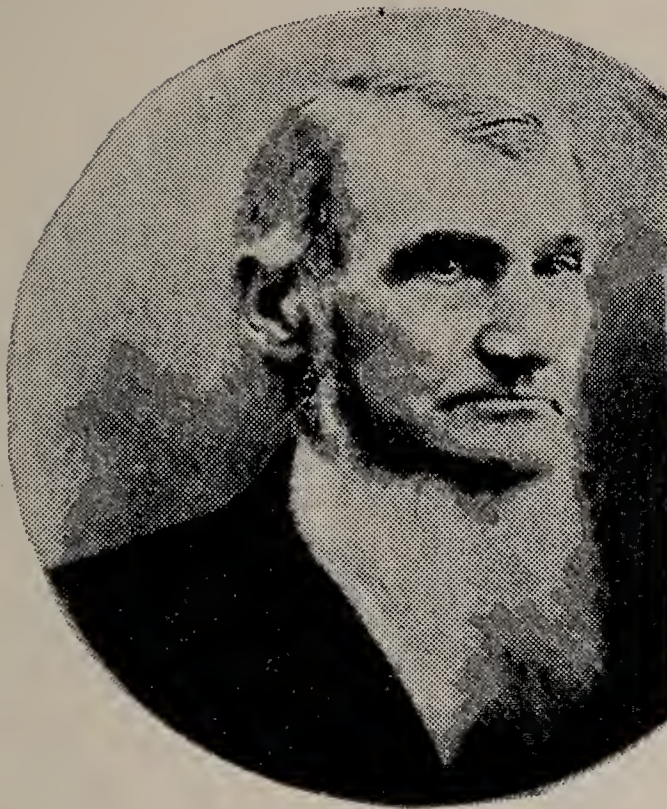
(Above history condensed by Tom Johnson and G. J. Hinkle from Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" and Brigg's "Life of Asbury.")

Reuben Rogers, a brother of Elizabeth Rogers, served in the War of 1812 under the command of Wm. Henry Harrison. At that time he was about 22 years of age and helped build the Fort on the south side of the Maumee River, Feb. 1, 1813, known as Ft. Meigs. After the war of 1812 he settled in Pike County, Ohio and in his later years was a visitor in the Michael Johnson home. (From a notation of Daniel A. Johnson which says he recalls talking with him when he was a small boy).

The above research was made to establish the connection of the "Daniel Asbury" part of DANIEL ASBURY JOHNSON'S name.

Is it any wonder that the family wished to perpetuate the name by naming their offspring after so noted a relative?

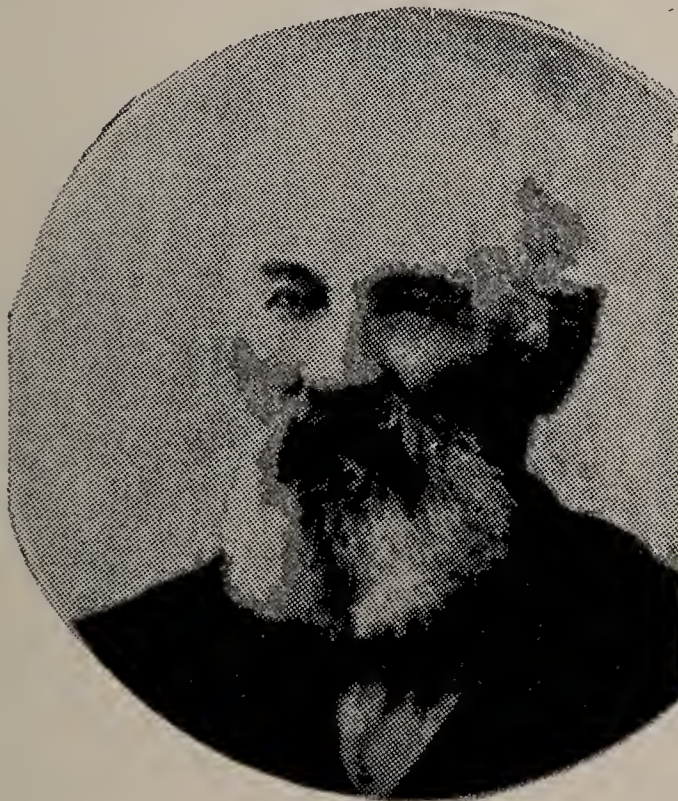
OUR FAMILY RECORD



Parents of
DANIEL A. JOHNSON

Rev. Michael M. Johnson
1817-1894

Eliza (McCurdy) Johnson
1817-1885



Parents of
ABIGAIL (HOLCROFT) JOHNSON

Thomas Holcroft
1823-1898

Harriet (Simon) Holcroft
1828-1878

(Reproduced from tintypes)

MICHAEL and ELIZA (McCurdy) JOHNSON were the parents of four children. They were living in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, when their first two children were born.

(Michael Johnson Bible Record.)

1. Lucinda Jane Johnson, born Dec. 26 1843, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio Married Wm. H. Watters (Waters) April 4, 1861, Van Wert Co., married by T. Culey, Esq.

Among their children were George, Michael, Isaac, Leander.

Two grand children were: Walter and Lillian Waters.

2. William D. Johnson, born Oct. 23, 1845, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio. (Unmarried). Died Feb. 14, 1895.

About this time Michael Johnson became, or was a Minister or Circuit Rider for the United Brethern Church and between 1845 and 1848, moved to Coshocton Co., Ohio, where their next child was born.

3. DANIEL ASBURY JOHNSON, born June 8, 1848, Coshocton County, Ohio. (See Biography to follow.)

Between 1848 and 1852 they had moved to Van Wert Co., Ohio, where the next child was born.

4. Elizabeth W. Johnson, born Sept. 27, 1852, Van Wert Co., Ohio. Married Israel Newport, born Dec. 2, 1850, Adams Co., Ind. Married Feb. 11, 1871, Adams Co., Ind. by R. Smith, Esq.

Among their children were: Charles, died Oct. 16, 1874, age 1 year, 4 months; May, Della, etc.

Elizabeth (Johnson) Newport, died Oct. 22, 1900.

Israel Newport died Dec. 7, 1892.

MINISTRY OF Rev. Michael Myers Johnson.

I was unable to locate records of just when he was ordained as a minister for the "Church of the United Brethern of Christ," but it was evidently near the middle of the 19th century (1850) or a few years before.

By this time the eastern part of Ohio was pretty well settled but the western portion was still very wild. Some of the lands had been sold by the government and some roads laid out.

(Portions of the following are condensed from a "History of the White River Conference" by W. A. Wilmore.)

The original Miami Conference (Territory) of the United Brethern Church had grown to such an extent that it was divided into many smaller Conferences. The Conference to which Michael Johnson was assigned was known as the Maumee Conference, afterwards known as the Auglaize Conference. Later it was taken over by the White River Conference of Indiana.

We know that in 1850 he moved to Van Wert County, Ohio, and was acting as a Circuit Rider, preaching to congregations already established and establishing new Missions, or Classes as they were called. From 1850 to 1853 he was living in Van Wert County, Ohio. In 1853 he was assigned to the "Jay Mission" in Jay County, Indiana, and was living in the "Roach Settlement" near Portland, Indiana.

In 1854 he was assigned to Mt. Pleasant Mission in addition to his duties at the Jay Mission. Ridertown was also one of his appointments. In 1855 he was transferred to Uniopolis, Ohio. In 1856 to Van Wert County, Ohio. About 1859 they were in Monroe, Adams County, Ind. 1860 to St. Mary's Mission. 1862 to Murray Mission. There were possibly other assignments in the Auglaize Conference not mentioned in the White River Conference Records.

An incident described in Daniel A. Johnson's remembrance about their move to Portland, Ind., show some of the hazards experienced by these early ministers. Daniel was then about six years of age.

"In crossing the Salamonina River at Portland, one of the horses got it's leg through the floating logs, and much difficulty was experienced in making the bank. The accident occurred at night and the only light we had to guide us was a perforated tin lantern, lighted with a tallow candle. We made the crossing however without further incident and took up our residence again in another log mansion of one room in what was then known as the Roach Settlement."

We can see from the foregoing that the lives of early circuit riders and ministers were rigorous ones. Traveling from place to place on horseback, over unimproved roads and trails and fording streams. They were often away from home weeks at a time. Salaries reported for these early preachers was around \$50.00 per year for the smaller Missions to \$150.00 for the more prosperous ones.

I find only one other assignment. In 1875 he was assigned to the Rock Creek Church. He evidently preached in Van Wert and Paulding Counties, Ohio, during the latter part of his ministry.

ELIZABETH (McCURDY) JOHNSON died August 8, 1885.

MICHAEL MYERS JOHNSON died August 11, 1894.

(It has been reported that Eliza was buried at Payne, Ohio, and Michael at Van Wert, Ohio. A search of the grave stones at Payne did not disclose any grave stone in any of the cemeteries at Payne. Search is now being made to locate the stone of Rev. Michael Johnson in Van Wert cemeteries, if one was erected.

DANIEL ASBURY JOHNSON

DANIEL A. JOHNSON, the paternal dividing generation between our listing of Ancestors and Descendants, was born June 8, 1848, in Coshocton County, Ohio. He was the third child of Rev. Michael and Eliza (McCurdy) Johnson.

At the time of Daniel's birth his father was no doubt attached to the Miami Conference, since they were living in Coshocton County. When Daniel was eighteen months old his father was transferred to the Auglaize Conference and moved to Van Wert County, Ohio.

Of his early life we quote from an interview published in the Hartford City News, July 21, 1925.

"My first distinct remembrance was of our residence in Paulding County, Ohio. I was between three and four years of age. My father being a circuit rider of the United Brethern Church, the people had built him a parsonage of rounded logs of one room. It could favorably be compared with the log cabin now standing at Geneva, Ind. When we first moved in, the fireplace, the stick chimney and hearth had not been completed.

"My father had a large circuit and would be absent from home for a week at a time answering the call of his duties while mother remained at home with her three children, the eldest being seven or eight years of age, and our little black dog to protect us from the wolves.

"Frequently the wolves would come to our house at night and the pet dog would beat a hasty retreat under the house. Mother would then build a fire on the hearth and pound on the walls of of the crib. With the bright light showing through the spaces between the logs in the crib the wolves would be frightened away.

"I do not recall that I saw any Indians there. I believe it was too wet for them."

(When he was about six the family was transferred to near Portland, Ind., as related in the history of his father, Michael Johnson.)

"It was there that I had my first introduction to "Mr. Ague" (chills and fever). Dr. B. B. Snow was the first doctor to treat me for any disease. It was there that I met my first school marm, Kittorah Winters. May God bless her. She died last November.

"From Portland we moved to Uniopolis, Ohio. There I saw my first flag pole raising and it was a hickory. I sometimes wonder if that is why I am a Democrat * * .

"Another interesting experience in my life was when I was about eight years of age. It was then I saw the first railroad at Straughn Station in Van Wert County, Ohio. It was the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne and Chicago R. R.

"At Bellefountaine, in 1860 I saw one of the greatest hail storms I ever saw. Wheat was headed and fruit well advanced at the time. All crops and fruit was destroyed.

"I attended a republican rally at Ft. Recovery. I saw a campaign wagon built up with logs and loaded with pretty girls. (He must have been about 14 or 15.) I often wonder if any of them are still living.

"It was at Bellefountaine that I went to school with boys, whom I never dreamed would be in war in a few years in the same regiment. The Grand Old 89th Regiment, Indiana Volunteer Infantry. * * *

"We next moved to Van Wert County, three-fourths of a mile south of the negro settlement. (There is an interesting story about this negro settlement, made up of escaped slaves from the south and helped by a northern Church group.)

"About April 16, we next moved to Monroe, Adams County, Ind. Perhaps it needs to be explained why these frequent moves. In those days circuit riders were frequently changed from one circuit to another each year." (End of quote.)

CIVIL WAR SERVICE OF DANIEL A. JOHNSON

As DANIEL was growing to young manhood the war between the Northern and Southern States was in full swing. This war was brought on by the secession of the Southern States from the Union. Because of a disagreement between the States as to the right of the States over Federal Government, one of which was the right to own slaves as personal property. A similar situation exists today (1959-60) regarding school desegregation.

Neither side had gained a distinct advantage by 1863, and there was a pressing call for volunteers by President Lincoln for the Union Army.

When he was about fifteen and one-half years of age, he decided to volunteer for service in the Union Army. I do not think the Recruiting offices were too concerned about age. Of course, he could have prevaricated. For this account let us turn again to the NEWS:

"One gloomy day in December, '63 (Dec. 18, 1863) with a slush snow covering the ground, I left home with no one to say goodbye but my mother, for the home of my recruiting officer, four miles distant. The journey was through forests and many difficulties. I went from Decatur (Where he had enlisted for three years or the duration) to Ft. Wayne by wagon, the only transportation available. I spent Dec. 31, 1863, in Camp Carrington, Indianapolis.

"On New Year's morning I had to chop our bread with an axe, and thaw it out on the stove before being able to eat it. It was there I had my final muster and drew clothing, becoming a member of Company H, 89th Regiment. I joined the command on Poplar street, Memphis, Tenn. (Mrs. Hinkle has the belt buckle from this uniform).

"My first war experience was at Queens Hill, Miss., Feb. 7, 1864. After the Vicksburg and Meridan, Miss. campaign we returned to Vicksburg in March. We next went up Red River, La., May 18, 1864. The last battle of this expedition was fought about twenty-two miles from Red River Landing, on the Mississippi on June 8, 1864." (End of quote.)

This engagement was on his 16th birthday.

In addition to the foregoing campaigns, he lists the following battles or skirmishes in which he participated: Fort DeRusey, Pleasant Hill, Bayou LaMoore, Marksville Prairie, Yellow Bayou, Siege, assault and capture of Fort Blakely Apr. 9, 1865.

In July of 1865, he was transferred to Veteran Co. K, 26th Regiment, Indiana Veteran Volunteer Infantry.

After the surrender of Lee in April, 1865, virtually ending the resistance of the Southern States, he remained with the command until his Discharge Jan. 15, 1866, at the age of seventeen and one-half years. His Discharge paper, now in possession of his daughter, Mrs. Eugene Culton, states that when discharged he was under the command of Capt. Warren W. Morris. (Honorable Discharge) "No objection to re-enlistment" was 5 ft., 5 in. high, dark complected, black eyes, dark hair; occupation, farmer. Signed by G. W. Estano, Capt.

No record is given of the following few years, but we can assume he returned to his home and worked for various farmers in the neighborhood. In July of 1874 he came to Blackford County, Ind., to work on the railroad that crossed the Holcroft farm. The next record is of his marriage to ABIGAIL HOLCROFT, Apr. 4, 1876.

He was the youngest member of the Jacob Stahl Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, in Hartford City, Ind., and throughout the remainder of his life was an active member. "There are few people in Hartford City who do not hold acquaintance with him and are better for having known him."

During most of his life he was employed at the South Side Glass Factory, and as engineer of the Hartford City Water Department.

After the death of his wife he lived for a time at the Marion Soldier's Home, and then with his daughter, Eliza Smoot, where he was living at the time of his death.

He died Nov. 27, 1932, as a result of a fall and a fractured hip sustained a few days before. He is buried in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery in Hartford City. His wife preceded him in death by eighteen years. They were the parents of ten children, six of whom survived.

ANCESTORS

Maternal Side — HOLCROFT

To the Ladies! "God Bless 'em"

Oftimes the maternal side of the family is neglected or soon forgotten, since they take the family name of the husband. However at least half, and many times more, of our inherited traits are inherited from "the female of the species," our mothers. They are the ones that care for us, give us of their love and affection and endeavor to make us comfortable and happy while our fathers are out "chopping wood" or "bringing in the bacon."

This, no doubt is as it should be, but let us never neglect to show our appreciation!

JOHN HOLCROFT, Grandfather of Abigail (Holcroft) Johnson

JOHN HOLCROFT was born about 1800 and was living in Clitheroe, Lancashire County, England. He was serving as Sexton of a Church there and possibly followed the trade of plasterer.

His wife's name not recorded.

They were the parents of at least two children:

THOMAS HOLCROFT, born October, 1823, Clitheroe, Lancaster also spelled Lancashire, County, England.

James (Jim) Holcroft, younger.

In 1837, John and possibly the rest of the family were in London for the Coronation of Queen Victoria. Mrs. Hinkle has a teaspoon which was purchased on this trip to London.

In the latter part of 1848 or early 1849, he and his wife came to America—following the immigration of their two sons. More about this later.

THOMAS HOLCROFT, Father of Abigail (Holcroft) Johnson

THOMAS HOLCROFT (This is the spelling used in both his Apprentice and Naturalization papers) was born in October, 1823, County of Lancaster (Lancashire), England.

At the age of fifteen years and nine months, in 1839, he was apprenticed to James Norcrop to "learn the trade or vocation of Slater and Plasterer." From the remaining two-thirds of his Apprentice Papers (One-third has been lost) we find that he was to be "A faithful Servant or Apprentice, to keep his Master's secrets, not to waste or embezzle his Master's goods, nor allow others to do so."

For this service he was to receive "meat, drink, washing, lodging, clothing and mending, and pocket money suitable for such an (word missing). Also if he was incapacitated by sickness or accident, that he should not be entitled to any wages during such incapacity or any part thereof."

This was common practice in England, and would compare very favorably with today's trade schools.

He married in England and was the father of three children at the time of his immigration to America.

After the term of his apprenticeship he followed his trade as plasterer, but at the age of twenty-five he decided to seek his fortune in the New World. We can assume that at this time glowing stories were being told of the opportunities for the building trade in the fast growing middle west.

Thomas and his brother James Holcroft sailed from Liverpool and arrived in New York City in April of 1848. They immediately headed for their destination of Richmond, Indiana. At least the latter part of this journey was made on foot.

The story is told of how, as they neared Richmond, Jim became sick and they stopped by a house to ask for a drink of water. Mistaken by the resident to be a couple of tramps he sicked the dog on them. They evidently were carrying their luggage and possibly the tools of their trade. Now a lapse in the episode, but later Jim married one of the daughters, Mary Ann Bailey..

Within a year or two their father, mother and Thomas' wife and three children sailed to join them. One of the children died on the way over and was buried at sea. Shortly after arriving in Richmond, the father, Thomas' wife and two children contracted cholera during the great cholera epidemic of 1848, and all died.

They had moved close to the Simons family in Richmond and during the sickness and death of the Holcroft family the Simons ignored their chances of taking the disease and helped during their bereavement.

About four years later THOMAS married one of the daughters, HARRIET SIMONS, April 15, 1854. Harriet Simons had been born in Ashtabula County, Ohio, Dec. 25, 1828, and had moved with the family to Richmond as migration farther west had become the field of greater opportunity.

During the Civil War period 1861-65, Mrs. Holcroft, being a seamstress and tailor, was engaged in making uniforms for the Union Soldiers encamped in the Fair Grounds near their home. With the money so earned she purchased her first sewing machine. (We have the heavy "tailor's goose" she used in pressing.)

THOMAS and HARRIET (Simon) HOLCROFT were the parents of five children:

1. ABIGAIL HOLCROFT born April 4, 1855, Richmond, Ind. Married Daniel A. Johnson.
2. Mary Holcroft, married John Collins, and were the parents of Cora, Zora, Rosa, Frank and Almeda.
3. Margaret (Maggie) Holcroft, married Charles Hitesman and were the parents of Gretta, Beatrice, Lulu, Pauline, Opal, Rebecca and Margaret.
4. Sarah Holcroft (Unmarried).
5. Albert Holcroft, married Rosella Friend and were the parents of Mary Holcroft.

The family moved from Richmond, Ind. to Blackford County and purchased a farm three and one-half miles south of Hartford City. Thomas Holcroft farmed and followed his trade as plasterer for many years. Many of the early homes from Hartford City to Muncie were plastered by him. He was expert in doing the fancy and decorative jobs of plastering in vogue during the 70's to the 90's.

HARRIET HOLCROFT died 1878? and is buried at Hartford City.

THOMAS HOLCROFT died Sept. 4, 1898, and is buried at Hartford City.

Harriet Holcroft was first buried in the "Old Cemetery" on Kickapoo St., but about 1900 all the graves were removed to the New I. O. O. F. Cemetery. When her grave was opened it was found that her body (head and shoulders) had "turned to stone". Some of the family and many of the townspeople came to view this unusual event. (Possibly buried in an underground stream of lime water causing this ossification—caskets were not sealed.)—G. J. H.

ABIGAIL HOLCROFT
(MRS. DANIEL A. JOHNSON)

ABIGAIL HOLCROFT, the wife of DANIEL A. JOHNSON, was born in Richmond, Wayne County, Ind., April 4, 1857. The first child of Thomas Holcroft after his second marriage to Harriet Simons.

She moved with the family from Richmond to near Hartford City, Ind. She had little formal schooling, but could read and write.

On her 19th birthday, April 4, 1876, she was married to Daniel A. Johnson. They at first lived in the country, but after a short time moved into Hartford City. After some years they purchased a lot at 314 Mulberry St., and built the house still standing at this location. It was here that the last three children were born. It was built without basement and in a slight gully. Before city sewers were installed it would flood during heavy rains.

Anna recalls an incident that happened when she was quite young about Harold falling through the floor to the water beneath the house. Since Anna was quite young I wrote Zephy Basford about the incident and she gave the following answer: "Ma had gone to the back yard and when she returned she inquired where Harold was. The reply was that he had followed her. Ma noticed that the board was tilted, so she moved it and got down in there. (This board had been left loose to get under the house to wrap the water pipe to keep it from freezing). Harold was just going down for the third time. She handed him up to Aunt Maggie and told her to jerk him by the heels. The dirty black water flew out of his mouth all over Aunt Maggie's dress. It was her wedding dress. We could hardly get Ma out of there. It was on Sunday."

Later a good sized barn was built, wood shed and chicken coops. The barn housed the horse and carriage and the cow. This was back in the days when most families had a large garden, kept a cow for their milk supply, and their own chickens for eggs and Sunday Dinners. The chicken house later became the children's play house.

After the death of Abigail's mother, Harriet, her father every Saturday would drive in from the country and leave his washing and pick up clean clothing for the following week. This was routine for almost twenty years. During her father's last sickness he came to town and lived with the family until his death.

When the estate of her father was settled she used her inheritance to purchase a small cottage, the rent from which helped to keep the family going.

Their home was the stopping place for her sisters and families when they came to town for week-end shoppings.

She took her daughter Eliza's child, Thomas, when he was a baby and raised him as her own. He lived with her until her death in 1914. He then went to live with his aunt Anna Hinkle.

She was a member of The Daughters of America Club, taking an active part and a member of the drill team. She was the first person baptized in the Christian Church, in Hartford City, when it was first built. When able, she seldom missed Church service.

She was thrifty and a hard worker. Two of her sayings often quoted by my wife are: "It is no disgrace to wear patches, if they are clean" and "A wife can throw away as much with a teaspoon as her husband can bring home in a wheelbarrow."

She loved her family and friends with a deep abiding love and had many true friends that were helpful in her struggle to raise her family.

She was troubled with asthma and a heart condition which finally caused her death Nov. 17, 1914, and she was buried in Hartford City.

Yes, she is gone, but her loving character is living on now into the third and fourth generation.—G. J. H.

While much of the foregoing may appear trivial and unimportant to coming generations, to those of us whose memories are still green, we hope it proves of interest. We have tried to relate things that will cause us to realize that "life is real," that they have not changed over the years—and that memory is one of our most prized possessions.

There has been and will continue to be tragedies, sadness and disappointments, but are overshadowed by the joy, happiness and accomplishments that make life worth living.



DANIEL A. JOHNSON AND FAMILY

Hartford City, Indiana

May 30, 1903

(Taken after Decoration Day Parade and Ceremonies, 1903)

Note G. A. R. Badge of Jacob Stahl Post

TOP ROW: (Left to Right)—

Margaret (Maggie) Johnson (Culton), Frank Smoot, Charles Johnson, Samuel H. Basford, Zephy (Johnson) Basford.

CENTER ROW: (Left to Right)—

Daniel A. Johnson, Eliza (Johnson) Smoot; holding Mary Smoot (Gable-Quillen), Norma (Buckles) Johnson, wife of Charles; holding Marie Johnson (Cummings), Abigail Johnson, Anna Bell Johnson (Hinkle).

BOTTOM ROW: (Left to Right)—

Harrold Johnson, Thomas Johnson, William Basford.

**DESCENDANTS OF
DANIEL ASBURY JOHNSON
AND HIS WIFE
ABIGAIL (HOLCROFT) JOHNSON
(10 children)**

- I. Ida May Johnson
- II. Zephy Florence Johnson
- III. Harriet Eliza Johnson
- IV. Charles Thomas M. Johnson
- V. Mary Catherine Johnson
- VI. Robert Frank Johnson
- VII. Margaret (Maggie) Rose Johnson
- VIII. Anna Belle Johnson
- IX. William Harold Johnson
- X. Walter A. Johnson

FAMILY RECORD

OF

Daniel A. and Abigail (Holcroft) Johnson

(10 children)

I. **IDA MAY JOHNSON**—Born 1876; Died 1877 (Age 13 mo.)

II. **ZEPHY FLORENCE JOHNSON**—Born Dec. 16, 1877, near Hartford City, Ind. Married Feb. 26, 1898 (Note they observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary Feb. 26, 1948, and their 62nd Anniversary in 1960.) Member Daughters of America Club, Toledo, Ohio.

Married: **Samuel Hedge Basford**. Born March 16, 1877, Wellsburg, W. Va. Glass worker in Wellsburg and Hartford City, Ind., for 20 years. With Champion Spark Plug Factory, Toledo, Ohio, for 34½ years. Retired March 30, 1951, and since has been engaged in boat rental business near Stockbridge, Mich.
(Two children)

1. **William Dewey Basford**. Born Dec. 3, 1898, Hartford City, Ind. Now with Jersey Bakery in Toledo. Hobby and avocation photography and upholsterer.

Married: 1st, **Gladys Thomas**. Born Feb. 14, 1902, Edon, Ohio, (Divorced).
(One child).

1. **Eugene Cecil Basford**. Born July 7, 1924.

Married: 2nd, **Christine (Kaczala) Basford** (Widow of Harry Basford)
(No children)

2. **Harry Leroy Basford**. Born Sept. 6, 1905, Hartford City, Ind. Died March 1, 1952. Buried, Toledo, Ohio.

(Enlisted in U. S. Navy Feb. 20, 1924, Asiatic Fleet, stationed in Shanghai, China, most of time. Discharged Aug. 15, 1927)

Married: **Christine Kaczala**. Born April 10, 1910, Toledo, Ohio.
(Two children)

1. **Jack William (Billie) Basford (Sr.)**. Born Nov. 9, 1929, Toledo, Ohio.

Married: **Bonnie Jean Abbey**. Born Aug. 16, 1933.
(Four children)

1. **Jack William Basford, Jr.** Born Dec. 13, 1949.

2. **Gloria Sue Basford**. Born Sept. 24, 1951.

3. **Karla Kay Basford**. Born Dec. 22, 1956.

4. **Fay Ann Basford**. Born July 1, 1958.

2. **Florence Zephy Basford**. Born Nov. 29, 1930. (Unmarried)

(Compiled 1960) Note: Addresses at end of section.

III. **HARRIET ELIZA JOHNSON.** Born Aug. 12, 1879, Hartford City, Ind. Died Aug. 16, 1944. Buried Hartford City, Ind. (One child Natural Born)

Thomas T. Johnson. Born Dec. 28, 1897, Hartford City, Ind. Died April 1, 1957. Buried Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C. Section 4, No. 2706-K Between Pershing Rd. and Dewey Ave.

(Made home with grandparents until death of grandmother, then with aunt Anna B. (Johnson) Hinkle. Hartford City Grade School; Valparaiso High School; Chicago Art Institute; Artist, Interior Decorator, Upholsterer; Lynchberg, Va.; Bluefield, W. Va.; Washington, D. C. Ensign U. S. Navy; American Legion. An admirable personality with one failing. He would have enjoyed the Epitaph of Thomas Johnson, Jr. "Drunken Poet" of Danville, Ky., as reported in History of Kentucky Vol. I, page 607. Dated 1760:

"Underneath this marble slab
In endless shade lies drunken TOM
Here safely moored, dead as a log
Who got his death by drinking grog
By whiskey grog he lost his breath—
Who would not die so sweet a death."

Married: Mrs. May (Randolph) Peyton, Amherst, Va., Deceased. (No issue).

Married: **Francis (Frank) Smoot.** Born March 9, 1878, Logansport, Ind. (Served in Spanish-American War, Volunteered in 1898, and served two years, two months, and two days. Glass worker, foreman 40 years with American Window Glass Factory, Hartford City, Indiana.) (Five children this marriage.)

1. **Mary Frances Smoot.** Born Jan. 30, 1903, Hartford City, Ind. (Emp: Corrugated Paper Co., Branch of St. Joe Paper Co., St. Joe, Florida)

Married: 1st, **Philip Landon Gable.** Born Nov. 2, 1898, Hartford City, Ind. Died Aug. 5, 1948. Buried Hartford City. (Plumbing, Heating and Sheet Metal worker) (Two children)

1. **Philip Newton Gable, Jr.** Born Dec. 5, 1921, Hartford City, Ind. (Employed Ford Transmission Plant, Cincinnati, Ohio. Served in U. S. Navy in World War II: Operation, Admiral Islands and Pacific.)

Married **Ruby L. Botts.** Born Feb. 8, 1925, Hartshorn, Oklahoma. (Employed Telephone Office, Hamilton, Ohio.) (Two children)

1. **Margery Lee Gable.** Born Aug. 9, 1944, Hartshorn, Oklahoma.
2. **Pamela Ann Gable.** Born June 11, 1947, Hartford City, Indiana.

III. HARRIET ELIZA (Johnson) SMOOT, continued.

1. Mary Frances (Smoot) Gable, continued.

2. Patricia (Patty) Lee Gable. Born Aug. 2, 1923, Hartford City, Indiana. (A. B. Education, 1945, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. Teacher, Michigan City, Indiana Schools.)

Married: Carl W. McAnally. Born May 29, 1920, Frankfort, Kentucky. (B. S. Education, 1948, Ball State College, Muncie, Indiana. Teacher, Michigan City Schools.) (Three children)

1. Michael Lee McAnally. Born May 3, 1947, Muncie, Indiana.
2. Michele Dee McAnally. Born Dec. 14, 1948, Muncie, Indiana.
3. Peggy Sue McAnally. Born Dec. 20, 1950, Muncie, Indiana.

Married: 2nd, Robert (Bob) A. Quillen. Born Nov. 27, 1907, Hartford City, Ind. (Supervisor, 3M, Minnesota Mining Mills, Hartford City Branch. Mfg. Thermo-Fax Machines and the paper used in them.)

2. Herbert Wilson Smoot. Born March 27, 1905, Hartford City, Ind. (Emp. General Electric Co., Engineering Dept., Louisville, Ky.)

Married: 1st, Marguerite Ross. Born , Dunkirk, Ind. (Married Sept. 27, 1924. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence, Ross, Dunkirk). (Divorced).

(Three children this marriage.)

1. Eunice Madona Smoot. Born April 2, 1925, Dunkirk, Ind. Married: Norman Romey. Born Aug. 29, 1918, Hartford City, Ind. (Two children)

1. Cheryl Lynn Romey. Born Nov. 12, 1946.
2. Bruce Norman Romey. Born Feb. 12, 1953.

2. Eugene (Jack) Smoot. Born Dec. 18, 1926, Dunkirk, Ind. (Detective detail, Police Force, Muncie, Indiana.)

Married: 1st . Born (Divorced)
(One child this marriage)

1. Charles Daniel Smoot. Born June 27, 1953, Muncie, Ind.

Married: 2nd, Carolyn Joan Tyler. Born June 1, 1929, Muncie, Ind.

3. Charles Daniel (Bud) Smoot. Born June 10, 1928. Died 1943. (Drowned.)

Married: 2nd, Delores Cook (Sister of Russell Cook, Divorced, no issue)

Married: 3rd, Genevieve King. (Divorced).
(One child this marriage)

1. Anita Louise Smoot. Born Sept. 16, 1942, Jonesboro, Ind.

Married: 4th, Mrs. Frieda Elizabeth McGuire. Born Nov. 11, 1905, Bloomington, Ind. Married Aug. 26, 1944.

III. HARRIET ELIZA (Johnson) SMOOT, continued.

3. Helen Bernice Smoot. Born March 15, 1911, Hartford City, Ind. (Emp. St. Joe Paper Mill, Hartford City, Ind. Married June 15, 1929)

Married: Harold Gadbury. Born Oct. 25, 1911, Hartford City, Ind. (Served in World War II, March, 1944 to Feb., 1946. Wounded in France Nov. 13, 1944; Awarded Purple Heart)

(One child)

1. John D. Gadbury. Born June 16, 1930, Hartford City, Ind. (Upland, Ind. Now Dr. Chiropractory, Sarasota, Florida.)

Married: Carrol Teegarden. Born May 7, 1933, Trenton, Ind. Married: June 17, 1951.

(One child)

1. Cynthia Gadbury. Born Aug. 27, 1953, Portsmouth, Va.

4. Abigail (Abbie) Dortha Smoot. Born May 9, 1912, Hartford City, Ind.

Married: Russel Blaine Cook. Born March 9, 1911. (World War II Service, permanent injury to back in training. Mechanic, Airplane pilot; near Angola, Ind., now living in Florida.

(One child)

1. Ronald (Ronnie) Cook. Born Feb. 2, 1945.

5. Martha Smoot. Born Dec. 6, 1915, Hartford City, Ind.

Married: 1st, James Pulley. Born April 2, 1915 (Divorced). (One child this marriage)

1. William F. Pulley. Born Nov. 22, 1936.

Married: (Do not have record)

Married: Walter Biblenhouser. Born Nov. 5, 1921.

(Owns and operates Garage and Filling Station, Fern Creek, Ky.)

(Records compiled 1959-60)

IV. **CHARLES THOMAS M. JOHNSON.** Born Jan. 12, 1881.
Died Aug. 15, 1908. (Born, died and buried, Hartford City,
Ind. Glass worker in Hartford City and surrounding towns.
Died age 27 from Tuberculosis of kidneys, and complications.
"A most wonderful personality."—Anna (Johnson) Hinkle.

Married: Norma E. Buckles. Born Oct. 26, 1884, Van Wert,
Van Wert County, Ohio.
(One child)

1. Ethel MARIE Johnson. Born July 28, 1902, Hartford City,
Ind. (Housewife, Office assistant to husband. Her com-
ment "Jack of All Trades;" My "Sweet Marie"—Uncle
Grover.)

Married: Cecil Ralph (Hi) Cummings. Born Sept. 3, 1901,
Grant Co., Ind. (Owner-Manager Westcoast Finance
Co., Forest Grove, Oregon. Pres. Forest Grove Kiwanis
and Chamber of Commerce, 1960).
(Three children)

1. Ralph Norman Cummings. Born June 24, 1922, Hartford
City, Ind. (Mgr. Branch Westcoast Finance Co., Tillamook,
Oregon. Three years U. S. Air Force, Pilot; Gr. Burris
H. S., Muncie, Ind. Attended Ball State College, Muncie
Ind.)

Married: 1st, Margaret Dimitri Theodorus Born June 7,
1923. Divorced 1946.
(One child this marriage).

1. Terry Lee Cummings. Born Feb. 7, 1945. Muncie,
Indiana.

Married: 2nd, Mary Francis Scamahorn. Born June 7,
1927, Spokane, Wash. (Gr. North Central H. S., Spo-
kane, Wash., Secretary.)
(Two children this marriage)

1. Meredith Ann Cummings. Born July 23, 1951,
Spokane, Wash.

2. Walter Andrew (Andy) Cummings. Born Sept. 28,
1954, Same.

2. David Johnson Cummings. Born June 30, 1934, Muncie,
Ind. (Gr. Tillamook H. S., 2 years Pacific Univ., Forest
Grove, Ore., 2 years University of Portland, Portland,
Ore. Assistant, Westcoast Finance Co., Forest Grove,
Ore.

3. Anne Marie Cummings. Born June 22, 1936, Muncie, Ind.
(Gr. Tillamook H. S. Attended Willamette Univ., Salem,
Oregon.)

Married: Jerry Riley Weeks. Born May 16, 1935, Burns,
Oregon. (Gr. Burns H. S. Attended Willamette Uni-
versity, Salem, Oregon.)

IV. CHARLES THOMAS M. JOHNSON, continued.

1. Ethel Marie (Johnson) Cummings, continued.

3. Anne Marie (Cummings) Weeks, continued.

(Two children).

1. Dale Paymond Weeks. Born March 21, 1956, Salem, Oregon.
2. David Rickie Weeks. Born Oct. 6, 1957, Burns, Oregon.

Norma E. (Buckles) Johnson.

Married: 2nd, Walter C. Hughes. Born May 15, 1878. Died Aug. 15, 1956. Buried Hartford City, Ind.

(Compiled 1959-60)

- V. **MARY CATHERINE JOHNSON.** Born Jan. 14, 1883. Died Infant.
- VI. **ROBERT FRANK JOHNSON.** Born Feb. 26, 1884. Died June 15, 1887 (Three years)
- VII. **MARGARET (Maggie) ROSE JOHNSON.** Born May 24, 1887. Hartford City, Ind.

Married: **Eugene Culton.** Born July 1, 1883, near Parksville, Kentucky.

(Early years on farm; Gas and Oil well driller; Farmer; tobacco raiser, stock raiser and buyer; 35 years Postal Service, Rural carrier, retired 1949. Met his wife while operating gas well rig in Blackford County.)

(10 children)

1. **Thelma Florence Culton.** Born July 11, 1905, Hartford City, Ind. (Berea College 1922; Teacher 1923-26; Married Nov. 27, 1924)

Married: **Luther Edwards May.** Born Oct. 5, 1900, Gravel Switch, Ky. (Postal Service 22 years, Danville, Ky., Hatchery, Turkey raiser; Farmer; Boat builder and Marine Supplies, Ken-Glas boats, etc., with son Bernard May (1960)
(Two children)

1. **Margaret Lucille May.** Born Oct. 8, 1926, Danville, Ky. (Berea College 1950 Home Demonstration Agent 1950-54).

Married: **James Pheane Ross.** Born Dec. 3, 1923, Magnolia, Miss. (Miss. State College B. S., 1948; University of Kentucky, M. S., 1950. With Univ. of Ky. Extension Service as Extension specialist in Recreation. World War II Overseas Service, Germany, etc.)

(Two children)

1. **Daryl Pheane Ross.** Born July 30, 1956, Lexington, Kentucky.
2. **Keith Alan Ross.** Born Feb. 18, 1958, Lexington, Kentucky.
2. **David Bernard May.** Born May 4, 1929, Danville, Ky. (Berea College B. S. 1951; Military Service; Active Duty March, 1952 to Dec. 1953; Reserve duty Dec. 17, 1951 to date (1960). Associated with father in farming, etc., 1954; with uncle Bob Culton building Ken-Glas boats, 1958. Now (1960) associated with father in building boats and handling Marine supplies in Danville and Bergan, Ky.)

Married: **Nadine Wade.** Born Sept. 26, 1927. (Berea College B. S. 1952)

(Three children)

1. **David Wade May.** Born March 9, 1954, Danville, Ky.
2. **Karen Louise May.** Born Feb. 5, 1957, Danville, Ky.
3. **Michael Gordon May.** Born March 3, 1960, Danville, Ky.

(Compiled 1959-60)

- VII. Margaret (Maggie) (Johnson) and Eugene Culton, Sr., continued (10 children)
2. Crystal Lucille Culton. Born April 16, 1907, Hartford City, Ind. (State Teacher's College, Richman, Ky., 1924; Teacher, Perryville, Ky., 1925; Married July 7, 1925.)
 Married: David Harold Gregory. Born Nov. 3, 1905, Ky. (Lieut. Police Force, Grosse Point Woods, Mich. from 1936) (Three children)
 1. Madelyn Eunice Gregory. Born Jan. 27, 1927, Lexington, Ky. (Attended Harding College 1945-46; Married: March 18, 1946)
 Married: Clinton Elliott. Born March 26, 1923, Chickasha, Oklahoma. (Harding College, B. S. 1946; Minister, Church of Christ, Newport, Arkansas 1960) (Three children)
 1. David Tillman Elliott. Born April 22, 1947, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
 2. Gregory Randolph Elliott. Born May 24, 1951, Paragold, Arkansas.
 3. Bonnie Marie Elliott. Born March 27, 1955, Pocahontas, Ark.
 2. Nancye Ellen Gregory. Born Jan. 6, 1930. (Wayne University, Detroit, Mich. 1949-50; Married: Nov. 24, 1950)
 Married: Wm. (Bill) Jamieson Thompson. Born April 22, 1926, Grand Rapids, Mich. (Wayne State University, B. S. Business Administration 1951; U. S. Navy 1944-46, Signalman, European-Asiatic Theatre; Salesman, Estimator, Lumbar; Deacon, Roseville Church of Christ.) (Three children)
 1. Carol Ann Thompson. Born March 14, 1952, Grosse Pte., Michigan.
 2. Wm. (Billy) Harold Thompson. Born Feb. 20, 1954, Grosse Pte., Michigan.
 3. Peggy Jean Thompson. Born May 31, 1958, Grosse Pte., Michigan.
 3. Crystal Lucille Gregory. Born Oct. 12, 1933; Married: April, 1952. (Three years Office work, American Automobile Association)
 Married: Norman Jack Grizzell. Born Sept. 7, 1932. (Two years U. S. Army Medical Corps, U. S. A. and Europe; Attending Wayne State University, College of Electrical Engineering; Employed: Detroit-Edison; Deacon, Roseville Church of Christ.) (Two children)
 1. Norman John Grizzell. Born June 16, 1954, Grosse Pte., Mich.
 2. Paul Wayne Grizzell. Born July 13, 1957, (Same)

(Compiled 1960)

VII. Margaret (Maggie) (Johnson) and Eugene Culton, Sr., continued (10 children)

3. **Anna Margaret Culton.** Born Oct. 14, 1909, Hartford City, Ind. (University of Kentucky B. S., Home Economics 1931; Home Demonstration Agent, Paducah, Ky.)

Married: **Francis ABE Carr Thompson.** Born Aug. 14, 1899, Fulton Ky. (University of Kentucky B. S., Mechanical Engineering 1923. World War I Service with U. S. Navy; World War II Service, Major, Corps of Engineering, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Paducah, Ky. Engineer with Kentucky Utilities Public Service, Paducah, Ky. Married: Oct. 14, 1934, Danville, Ky. Hobby: Wood working and numismatologist.

(Two children)

1. **John M. Thompson.** Born Oct. 24, 1935, Fulton, Ky. (University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. B. S. Forestry, 1959. Now in Naval Training, Ensign, U. S. Navy)

Married: **Charlotte Ann Wurth.** Born Aug. 3, 1937, Paducah, Ky. (University of Mo., B. S. Home Ec. and Education, 1959; Home Economist, U. R. E. Gas Co., Missouri)

Married: Sept. 2, 1956, Paducah, Ky.)

2. **Anna Gertrude (Trudy) Thompson.** Born April 29, 1937, Paducah, Ky. (Student, Home Economics, University of Ky., Lexington, Ky.)

4. **Catherine Rachel (Kate) Culton.** Born Jan. 21, 1913, Parksville, Ky. (H. S., Parksville, Ky.; B. S. Home Economics, University of Ky.) Home Demonstration Agent 9½ years, Fulton Co., Ky.; Teacher, Vocational Home Economics, Cayce H. S., Fulton, Ky. three years; South Fulton H. S., Tenn. six years (1960).

Married: **Robert (Bob) Nelson Thompson.** Born Sept. 3, 1913, Fulton, Ky.

(Son of Edward A. and Beulah (Field) Thompson; first cousin of Abe Thompson, above. Farmer, owner and operator of "Home Place", where he was born and raised. Specializing in grain, stock and tobacco. In 1951, Robert with his father, was awarded "Master Farmer" award from Progressive Farm Magazine; one of three awarded for State of Ky., and one of ten awarded for entire South. Has served ten years on Board of Directors of Fulton County Farm Bureau. Hobby: Fishin'.—G. J. H.)

(One child)

1. **Rita Marie Thompson.** Born Jan. 24, 1945, Paducah, Ky. (Freshman, Fulton H. S., Fulton, Ky. (1959)

VII. Margaret (Maggie) (Johnson) and Eugene Culton, Sr., continued (10 children)

5. **Eugene Culton, Jr.** Born Aug. 7, 1914, Parksville, Ky.
(The following is taken from Who's Who in Kentucky. - G.J.H.)
"EUGENE CULTON, JR. Agriculturist; Parksville Grade-High School 1932; University of Kentucky, B. S. in Agriculture, 1936; Asst. Co. Agt., Paris, 1936-38, Burlington 1938-39, Carrollton 1939-40; Farm Mgr. New Castle 1940-41; Asst. Co Agent and Co. Agent, Winchester 1941-47; Farmer, Seedman, Mgr. The Clark Co. Ky. 31 Fescue Assn. March, 1947; Director Clark County Fair Board; Clark Co. Farm Bureau, Kentucky 31 Fescue Assn.; Secy-Treas. and later President. Member Block and Bridle, Alpha Zeta, Rotary Club (Treas. 1951-52), Democrat; Mbr. and Deacon Christan Ch., Winchester, Ky." 1960, Owner-Mgr. Culton's Seed Cleaner, Seed, Feed and Implement Dealer, Winchester, Ky.)

Married: Elizabeth (Betty) Vaughn. Born Sept. 15, 1912, Decatur, Ala. (Berea College, Berea, Ky. B. S. Home Economics; Home Demonstration Agent; Home and Interior Decorator)
(Three children)

1. Patricia (Patty) Lee Culton. Born Jan. 4, 1944, Winchester, Ky.
 2. Kathleen Ann Culton. Born Aug. 17, 1946, Winchester, Ky.
 3. Eugene Culton III. Born Nov. 23, 1949, Winchester, Ky.
6. **Thomas Grover Culton.** Born April 5, 1916, Parksville, Ky.
(Named for Thomas T. Johnson and Uncle Grover J. Hinkle; University of Kentucky B. S. Agriculture 1938; University of Maryland M. S. 1940; University of Maryland Ph. D. 1949; World War II service: Ensign, Lieut. Landing Craft, U. S. Navy, Philippines, Okinawa, Japan. Poultry-Feed Research and Development, Co-operative Mills, Inc., in charge Broiler Research and Evaluation Farm, Bridgeville, Delaware)

Married: Hazel Ruth Hicks. Born March 6, 1916, Bryantsville, Ky. Married: Dec. 25, 1940.
(Two children)

1. Kenneth Hicks Culton. Born Jan. 18, 1950.
 2. Candace (Candy) Scott Culton. Born Oct. 25, 1952.
7. **Daniel Johnson Culton.** Born Aug. 30, 1917, Parksville, Ky.
(Named for maternal grandfather, Daniel A. Johnson; University of Kentucky, B. S. College of Agriculture; 1960 with Federal Farm Loan and Conservation Dept., Harrodsburg, Ky.)

Married: Elizabeth (Lib) Patrum. Born Nov. 3, 1920, Greensburg, Ky. (B. S. Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, Ky. Teacher at Parksville and Harrodsburg, Ky.
(Two children)

1. Gerry Frank Culton. Born Aug. 12, 1948, Parksville, Ky.
2. Thomas Milton Culton. Born Oct. 23, 1954, Parksville, Ky.

VII. Margaret (Maggie) (Johnson) and Eugene Culton, continued
(10 children)

8. **Helen Louise Culton.** Born Dec. 18, 1919, Parksville, Ky.
(University of Kentucky, B. S. Home Economics; Home Economist Chicago Gas and Light Co., Teaching; Tailoring; Food preparation and photography, etc. Hobby: Golf)

Married: **H. Bruce Price.** Born Dec. 13, 1920, New Haven, Conn.
University of Kentucky B. S.; University of Colorado M. A.;
University of Wisconsin, Ph. D.; Market Research: Swift &
Co., Chicago, Ill.; Market Research, Oscar Mayer Co., Madison,
Wisconsin) (No children)

9. **Geneva Marie Culton.** Born Sept. 10, 1923, Parksville, Ky.
(H. S. Parksville, Ky.)

Married: **Truman Orville Glascock.** Born Dec. 6, 1923, Gravel
Switch, Ky. (Perryville H. S., Farmer, tobacco, stock, etc.)
(Two children)

1. **Daniel Wayne (Danny) Glascock.** Born March 4, 1946,
Gravel Switch, Ky.

2. **Mary Lou Glascock.** Born July 19, 1953, Gravel Switch,
Ky.

10. **Robert (Bob) Henry Culton.** Born July 29, 1927, Parksville, Ky. (Parksville H. S.; University of Kentucky B. S. Agriculture, June, 1951; Established Kentucky Molded Boats (Ken-Glas), Burgin, Ky. Now (1960) Killarney Marine Center, Orlando, Florida.)

Married: **Anna Mae Bennett.** Born March 18, 1926, Burgin, Ky.
(Art Major. Hobby: Painting and Antiques)
(One child)

1. **Robert Henry Culton, Jr.** Born Feb. 17, 1956, Burgin, Ky.

**DESCENDANTS of Daniel A. and Abigail (Holcroft) Johnson, con-
tinued**

(10 children)

VIII. ANNA BELL JOHNSON. Born August 3, 1889, Hartford City,
Indiana.

Married: **Grover J. Hinkle.** Born August 1, 1888, near Sara-
toga, Indiana. (Married August 10, 1912, Hartford City,
Indiana. Farm; Canning factory; School teacher; Book-
keeper; Salesman, etc.; Jack of all trades—Master of none;
Marion Normal College and Business University, Master Ac-
countant Degree in Business.)

(Two children)

1. **Merideth J. Hinkle.** Born April 4, 1917, Valparaiso, Indiana.
(Valpo H. S.; B. S. Purdue University; Teacher; Draftsman,
U. S. Steel Corp., Gary, Indiana.)

Married Ruth Alice Larson (Swede). Born October 26, 1919,
St. Paul, Minnesota. (Valpo H. S.; Beauty Operator, Val-
paraiso.)

(Five children)

1. **Randall Scott Hinkle.** Born October 3, 1940, Valparaiso,
Indiana.
 2. **Baby Girl,** October 4, 1942 (Stillborn, Incompatable R.H.)
 3. **Woodrow Joseph Hinkle.** Born March 22, 1944, Valpa-
raiso, (Gary) Indiana.
 4. **Kristin Joy Hinkle.** Born October 20, 1947, Valparaiso,
(Gary) Indiana
 5. **Susan Holiday Hinkle.** Born November 23, 1949, Lafay-
ette, Indiana.
2. **Annabelle Hinkle.** Born October 30, 1918, Valparaiso, Ind.
(Valpo H. S.; B. S. Physical Education, State University of
Iowa; Teacher, Health and Physical Education, H. S., Char-
don, Ohio.)

Married: **David Roland Chaney.** Born July 14, 1916, Henrietta,
Missouri. (H. S. Kansas City; Washington University,
Kansas City; World War II, Aeronautics; Automation
Engineer, The Bellows-Valvair Corp., Akron, Ohio).

(Two children)

1. **Anthony (Tony) Chaney.** Born June 12, 1945, Valparaiso
(Gary) Indiana.
2. **Gary David Chaney.** Born August 7, 1947, Valparaiso,
(Gary) Indiana.

DESCENDANTS of Daniel A. and Abigail (Holcroft) Johnson, continued.

(Ten children).

IX. WILLIAM HAROLD JOHNSON. Born July 8, 1891, Hartford City, Indiana.

(Carpenter, Contractor, Builder, Toledo, Ohio.)

Died November 29, 1954. Buried Ottawa Hills Memorial Park, Toledo, Ohio.

Married Nellie M. Luzadder. Born September 22, 1892, Hartford City, Indiana.

(Two children)

1. Charles E. Johnson. Born April 12, 1910, Hartford City, Indiana. (Carpenter, Contractor, Tampa, Florida.)

Married June 19, 1937.

Married Mrs. Helen Lowe. Born October 28, 1906, Bontaire, Missouri. (One child, Betty from previous marriage.)

(Two children)

1. Robert C. Johnson. Born January 10, 1941, Toledo, Ohio. (U. S. Navy)

2. Shirley A. Johnson. Born December 12, 1943, Toledo, Ohio (Married 1960)

2. Russell W. Johnson. Born January 31, 1912, Hartford City, Indiana. (Carpenter, Contractor, Toledo, Ohio.)

Married: Mrs. Marie Nowaczyk.

(One child, Eugene, from previous marriage)

(No children)

X. WALTER JOHNSON. Born August 8, 1893. Died March 8, 1895. (Diphtheria)

(Compiled 1959-60)

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Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. McAnally and family, 820 Belden Drive, Michigan City, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smoot, R. R. 3, Box 107, Fern Creek, Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Romey and family, R. R. 1, Muncie, Indiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smoot, 2304 Locust, Muncie, Indiana.

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- Mrs. Nellie M. Johnson, 210 Memorial Drive, Muncie, Indiana.
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